

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of October 9, 2006**

- I. **ROLL CALL:** Chair Donald Wallace, Selectmen Melvin Adams, Michael Demasi (absent), Kenneth Johnson, and Roger LeClair. Also present were Town Manager Nanci Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Sally Davidson (Board of Recreation and Haunted Hayride), Lisa DiLena (Board of Recreation), Warren Hagy, Frank Hall, William C. Lyon (Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent), Charity McDonald, Heidi Passalacqua (Haunted Hayride), and Richard Suitor (Senior Center).

Chair Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **September 25, 2006 (Public Hearing & Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **October 3, 2006 (Public Hearing & Special Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve the minutes. Correction: in the first paragraph, change "regular" to "special" meeting. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. **October 5, 2006 (Special Meeting).** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #08-07.** Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve Warrant #08-07 in the amount of \$79,699.40. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a. **Sally Davidson: PLAYSKOOL "Win a Boundless Playground" Essay Contest:** Ms. Davidson is here on behalf of the Board of Recreation, which is asking that the Selectboard gives Charity McDonald the approval to go ahead with this proposal. This is a non-profit program that creates playgrounds that are accessible to children (and adults!) with disabilities. She has begun to draft her essay. If this playground is won by Northfield, the Town would have to maintain it afterwards. The existing playground would have to be removed. Ms. McDonald is proposing two sites: Memorial Park and the Elementary School. Even if we do not win the contest, the playgrounds still will need to be updated. Ms. McDonald has arranged with a group at Norwich University to try and upgrade the existing playgrounds. However, right now she is looking for approval to apply for the essay, which she will share with the Board prior to submission. Selectmen LeClair, Adams, and Johnson are in agreement. Ms. McDonald has not seen the specifics of Memorial Park but feels that this would definitely fit. She will also make the same presentation for the School Board.
- b. **Sally Davidson: Haunted Hayride.** This is the ninth (9th) year for Haunted Hayride, which would like to recognize and thank the Fire Department for always being there to assist. A plaque was presented to Fire Chief William Lyon and Fire Captain Roger LeClair.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Municipal Facilities Planning update (Black River Design).** Manager Allard stated that there have been three (3) meetings with Black River Design. They have brought drawings and the Department Heads have had input.
- b. **Joint Board Meeting (Allocation of Expenses between Northfield Town and Northfield Village):** The tentative date is Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. This is subject to the approval of the Village Trustees.
- c. **Status Reports: Various Projects.** Manager Allard had nothing additional.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Executive Summary: Bariteau Driveway Permit.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the permit. Selectman Adams would like consistency in the maintenance of the Class 4 road. A driveway permit is only requesting to access our road from their property. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- b. **Executive Summary: Bariteau Road Work Request.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to approve the permit. Highway Supervisor Lyon does not expect that there will be a request to upgrade this from a Class 4 to a Class 3 road. Selectman Adams has concerns about the different levels of upgrading the road. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- c. **Executive Summary: Davis Highway Crossing Permit.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- d. **Executive Summary: Hock Driveway Permit.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the permit. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- e. **Senior Center Tax Exemption.** The Board is looking for a more definitive answer from Glenn Howland.
- f. **Grand List Errors & Omissions.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to approve the Errors & Omissions list and authorize the Chair to sign it. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- g. **Zoning Board of Adjustment Resignation.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman LeClair, to accept Julia Tower-Piece's resignation with regrets and authorize the Manager to advertise for a replacement. There is an alternate member on that board but he is requesting to remain as an alternate. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- h. **Town Service Officer and Deputy Town Health Officer Vacancies.** Motion by Selectman LeClair, seconded by Selectman Adams, to authorize the Manager to advertise for these positions. Vermont League of Cities and Towns offers training for these positions. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**
- i. **Status Reports: Various Projects**
 1. **Town Budget Meeting Schedule.** A tentative meeting schedule was included in the packets.
 2. **CVSWMD Hazardous Waste Collection.** There are two (2) remaining dates for hazardous waste collection (paint, fluorescent lights, herbicides, pesticides, etc.) this year: October 14, 2006 (Barre Town) and October 21, 2006 (Montpelier), both from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The price is \$10 per car.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items

- a. **Richard Suitor, Northfield Senior Center.** Mr. Suitor is the Senior Center's treasurer and he confirmed that the Senior Center is indeed a 501(c) (3) and a non-profit. At this time, there is no recommendation of what the Senior Center is requesting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Adams, to adjourn. **Motion passed 4-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.